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I. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S.R.Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Service Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of September, 1948 and the three months ended September, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit p which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid Section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - See Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Section 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each state during September, 1948 and the three months ended September, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

STATES.

State	Benefits paid during September, 1948				Benefits paid during three months ended September, 1948			
	Unem-ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem-ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	1,770	23,267	2,208	27,345	6,548	84,517	6,641	97,706
Victoria	270	20,574	1,479	22,323	1,123	55,409	8,094	64,626
Queensland	1,358	3,774	415	5,547	12,487	22,556	1,797	36,840
S. Aust. (b)	82	7,907	436	8,425	272	22,365	1,093	23,730
W. Australia	1,287	5,265	371	6,823	4,488	17,024	1,206	22,718
Tasmania	262	3,686	364	4,312	1,221	11,694	942	13,857
TOTAL	5,029	64,473	5,273	74,775	26,139	213,565	19,773	259,477

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months September, 1947 to September, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1947 -									
September	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184	6,924
1948 -									
January	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March	3,446	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July (a)	797	69	6,545	1,756	839	261	8,181	2,086	10,267
August (a)	563	55	4,621	1,294	128	50	5,312	1,399	6,711
September (a)	522	51	4,015	1,063	685	128	5,222	1,242	6,464

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1947 -									
September	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948 -									
January	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July (a)	1,293	73	6,068	1,717	643	176	8,004	1,966	9,970
August (a)	610	52	4,470	1,243	435	140	5,515	1,435	6,950
September (a)	644	54	4,341	1,157	227	70	5,212	1,281	6,493

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
September	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948 -									
January	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July (a)	1,222	116	7,903	2,553	654	576	9,779	3,245	13,024
August (a)	1,175	119	8,054	2,604	347	486	9,576	3,209	12,785
September (a)	1,053	116	7,728	2,510	805	544	9,586	3,170	12,756

(a) Subject to Revision

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during September, 1948 and the three months ended September, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	September, 1948			Three months ended September, 1948				
	Unem-ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem-ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	102	608	31	741	315	1,950	85	2,350
1 and under 2	164	923	84	1,171	513	2,858	161	3,532
2 " " 3	99	803	37	939	315	2,578	302	3,195
3 " " 4	72	728	19	819	240	2,107	100	2,447
4 " " 5	54	526	16	596	167	1,582	145	1,894
5 " " 9	121	1,278	76	1,475	420	3,724	667	4,811
9 " " 13	56	546	37	639	178	1,720	107	2,005
13 " " 27	58	600	23	681	350	1,725	78	2,153
27 and over	44	275	18	337	228	752	46	1,026
TOTAL :	770	6,287	341	7,398	2,726	18,996	1,691	23,413

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during September, 1948 and the three months ended September, 1948, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	September 1948				Three months ended September 1948			
	Unem-ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem-ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
		Persons	%	Persons		Persons	%	Persons
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	5.71	4.37	5.28	4.55	8.36	3.95	2.72	4.38
13 " "	13.24	13.91	12.02	13.76	21.20	13.03	7.33	13.57
9 " "	20.51	22.60	22.87	22.39	27.73	22.09	13.66	22.14
5 " "	36.23	42.92	45.16	42.33	43.14	41.69	53.10	42.69
4 " "	43.24	51.29	49.85	50.39	49.26	50.02	61.67	50.77
3 " "	52.59	62.87	55.42	64.46	58.07	61.11	67.59	61.23
2 " "	65.45	75.64	66.27	74.15	69.62	74.68	85.45	74.87
1 " "	86.75	90.33	90.90	89.98	88.44	89.73	94.97	89.96
Less than 1	13.25	9.67	9.10	10.02	11.56	10.27	5.03	10.04

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reason for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during September, 1948, and the three months ended September 1948, are shown below:-

V. REASONS FOR CESSION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Reasons for Cessation	September, 1948				Three months ended Sept-ember, 1948.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	410	53.25	3,892	61.91	1,572	57.67	11,994	63.14
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,631	25.94	-	-	4,806	25.30
Failure to report (a)	280	36.36	183	2.91	863	31.66	564	2.97
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	27	3.50	44	0.70	113	4.14	114	0.60
Statutory age limit (b)	8	1.04	9	0.14	17	0.62	33	0.17
Permanent incapacity (c)	11	1.43	243	3.86	42	1.54	653	3.44
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	3	0.05	-	-	13	0.07
Death	-	-	106	1.69	1	0.04	294	1.55
Transfer to another district	11	1.43	80	1.27	42	1.54	241	1.27
Other	23	2.99	96	1.53	76	2.79	284	1.49
TOTAL :	770	100.00	6,287	100.00	2,726	100.00	18,996	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 25th September, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 47 per 10,000 comprising 4 unemployment, 38 sickness and 5 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	6	39	4	49
Females	Per 10,000 females	2	35	7	44
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	4	38	5	47

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th September, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	193	37	2,978	877	611	259	3,782	1,173	4,955
Victoria	29	3	1,935	806	88	107	2,052	916	2,968
Queensland	640	67	1,173	322	49	68	1,862	457	2,319
S. Aust.(b)	17	1	724	201	16	27	757	229	986
W. Australia	141	6	564	205	26	39	731	250	981
Tasmania	33	2	354	99	15	44	402	145	547
Total 25th September 1948	1,053	116	7,728	2,510	805	544	9,586	3,170	12,756
Total 27th September 1947	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages. Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th September, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	24	25	446	482	30	43	500	550	1,050
20 - 24 years	67	34	853	595	117	64	1,037	693	1,730
25 - 29 years	92	18	667	278	148	50	907	346	1,253
30 - 34 years	72	10	618	198	88	50	778	258	1,036
35 - 39 years	94	4	659	210	89	64	842	278	1,120
40 - 44 years	101	10	723	187	73	59	897	256	1,153
45 - 49 years	100	7	830	256	29	89	959	352	1,311
50 - 54 years	109	3	847	170	10	60	966	233	1,199
55 - 59 years	150	5	1,031	128	6	46	1,187	179	1,366
60 years and over	244	-	1,054	6	215	19	1,513	25	1,538
TOTAL:	1,053	116	7,728	2,510	805	544	9,586	3,170	12,756

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during September, 1948, and the three months ended September, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 25th September, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	September, 1948		Three months ended Sept. 1948		25th September 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or Laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons	4	-	11	-	7	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	46	3	155	10	65	6
Power rationing	1	-	2	-	5	2
Shortage of materials	25	4	98	15	72	8
Strikes and lockouts	18	-	65	3	68	2
Seasonal work	80	-	161	1	98	6
Casual work	71	2	364	7	161	6
Other including inadequately defined	148	16	462	56	287	37
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	102	19	345	52	195	35
Other, including inadequately defined	39	7	164	21	53	9
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	11	-	37	1	27	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	-	-	8	-	10	-
Other	1	2	10	9	5	5
TOTAL:	546	53	1,882	175	1,053	116

(ii) Industrial Groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during September, 1948, and the three months ended September, 1948, and of those on benefit at 25th September, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On benefit	
	September 1948		Three months ended Sept. 1948		25th September 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	51	1	181	1	129	4
Other Primary Production	6	-	26	-	12	-
Coal Mining	3	-	20	-	37	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	11	-	36	-	24	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding	55	-	202	1	67	3
Vehicles, including aircraft	15	-	43	1	20	-
Textiles and articles of dress	7	4	26	26	12	9
Food, drink and tobacco	111	4	210	12	134	14
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	13	-	56	-	26	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power	29	2	92	5	63	5
Building and Construction	78	-	302	-	125	-
Transport and Communication	35	-	121	7	101	4
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	56	10	251	29	110	19
Finance and Property	2	-	13	-	8	-
Public Administration and Professional	37	9	145	18	99	12
Personal and Domestic Service	35	21	140	67	70	42
Other	2	2	18	8	16	4
TOTAL :	546	53	1,882	175	1,053	116

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th September, 1948, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	35	3	80	-	7	4	129
Other Primary Production	2	-	9	-	1	-	12
Coal Mining	8	-	27	-	-	2	37
Other Mining and Quarrying	1	-	15	-	7	1	24
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering, Metal-working including shipbuilding	31	1	25	3	7	-	67
Vehicles, including Aircraft	3	-	14	1	2	-	20
Textiles, and Articles of Dress	4	1	4	-	1	2	12
Food, drink and tobacco	3	2	122	-	5	2	134
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	4	-	17	-	3	2	26
Other factories, including heat light and power	23	3	23	4	9	1	63
Building and Construction	22	2	81	3	14	3	125
Transport and Communication	14	5	71	-	8	3	101
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade	17	4	58	3	23	5	110
Finance and Property	1	-	2	1	3	1	8
Public Administration and Professional	13	4	51	1	27	3	99
Personal and Domestic Service	10	4	34	-	19	3	70
Other	2	-	7	1	5	1	16
<u>TOTAL 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948:</u>	193	29	640	17	141	33	1,053
<u>TOTAL 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947:</u>	879	189	1,873	75	494	48	3,558

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the three months ended September, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 25th September, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the three Months ended September 1948				On Benefit at 25th September 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales(b)	86	6	320	41	52	4	141	33
Victoria	24	9	77	3	10	3	19	-
Queensland	364	34	654	66	234	22	406	45
South Australia(c)	22	1	6	-	15	1	2	-
Western Australia	242	4	49	9	127	2	14	4
Tasmania	23	1	15	1	20	1	13	1
<u>TOTAL :</u>	761	55	1,121	120	458	33	595	83

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the three months ended September, 1948, and those current at 25th September, 1948 are dissected into "Metropolitan and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the three Months ended September, 1948				On Benefit at 25th September 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales(b)	3,305	1,175	2,277	383	1,707	626	1,271	251
Victoria	2,506	934	1,109	273	1,321	616	614	190
Queensland	1,084	331	1,236	178	608	224	565	98
Sth. Australia(c)	1,368	321	243	29	622	187	102	14
Western Australia	899	279	510	71	377	166	187	39
Tasmania	302	70	342	69	183	55	171	44
TOTAL :	9,464	3,110	5,717	1,003	4,818	1,874	2,910	636

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 25th September, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. SICKNESS INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	611	14	625
Other Primary Production	192	-	192
Coal Mining	219	-	219
Other Mining and Quarrying	148	1	149
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metal-working, including shipbuilding	1,124	108	1,232
Vehicles, including aircraft	347	15	362
Textiles and articles of dress	263	456	719
Food, drink and tobacco	514	125	639
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	315	18	333
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	729	157	886
Building and Construction	1,160	3	1,163
Transport and Communication	720	60	780
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade	694	412	1,106
Finance and property	53	47	100
Public Administration and Professional	249	452	701
Personal and Domestic Service	362	634	996
Other	28	8	36
TOTAL :	7,728	2,510	10,238

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during September, 1948, and the three months ended September, 1948 and of those on benefit at 25th September, 1948.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	September, 1948		Three Months ended September 1948		25th September 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	484	133	1,703	479	436	194
Cancer	26	7	68	18	66	18
Other Tumours	46	29	122	74	55	58
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	264	95	811	246	544	220
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	23	26	71	60	49	39
Nervous System and Sense Organs	408	181	1,252	491	759	349
Circulatory System	435	62	1,231	182	915	169
Respiratory System	539	120	1,923	462	785	225
Digestive System	1,049	273	3,039	782	1,422	351
Genito-Urinary System	180	91	533	297	320	217
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	107	-	329	-	228
Skin and Cellular Tissue	249	53	770	163	301	62
Bones and Organs of Movement	105	37	367	96	210	75
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined conditions)	86	48	227	128	141	91
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	529	49	1,568	146	1,193	136
Other Injuries, etc.	459	50	1,415	144	474	63
Operations (original disability not stated)	18	-	47	2	43	8
Other (including not stated)	9	3	34	14	15	7
TOTAL:	4,909	1,364	15,181	4,113	7,728	2,510

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the three months ended September, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to Total
N.S.W.									
(a)	784	331	8,275	1,135	1,039	58	10,098	1,524	15.1
Vic.	171	58	5,762	940	1,003	124	6,936	1,122	16.2
Q'ld.	2,204	1,086	3,317	488	141	47	5,662	1,621	28.6
S.A.(b)	52	23	2,385	424	72	24	2,509	471	18.8
W.A.	464	160	2,068	309	67	20	2,599	489	18.8
Tas.	48	8	895	112	52	10	995	130	13.1
TOTAL:	3,723	1,666	22,702	3,408	2,374	283	28,799	5,357	18.6

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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